



## SOUTHERN GROUP OF STATE FORESTERS

### 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Columbia, SC

June 7-11, 2008

**“The Future of the Southern Forestry Agency”**

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA

\*\*\* All attire is business casual unless otherwise designated \*\*\*

#### **Saturday (June 7)**

Travel day for most -- Airport transportation provided to the Hilton for those requesting

12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration desk open in the Hilton Hotel lobby.

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Optional Kayak/Canoe trip on the Saluda River in Columbia (see registration packet)

Attendees are on their own for all meals, but this is a good evening to check out the restaurants in the VISTA

5:00 – 11:30 p.m. Hospitality suite in the Hilton Hotel open (Room 808)

#### **Sunday (June 8)**

6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Free Continental Breakfast\* in Ruth's Chris Steak House at hotel.

8:00 a.m. Registration desk open in Convention Center.

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Executive Committee meeting, if needed – MG -- (at the Hilton OR CCC)

11:30 – 1:30 p.m. Welcome Luncheon (Ballroom C of Convention Center).  
Welcome to Columbia –Mayor Bob Coble  
Governor Sanford's Policy Advisor – Justin Evans  
SC From the Mountains to the Sea – Rudy Mancke  
Southern Group's Mission and Opportunities – Pete Roussopoulos

1:45 – 2:30 p.m. **Communications Committee Meeting: Overview of meeting**  
**Liaison assignments & outreach plan**  
**Review CC end-of-year report**  
**Prepare issues/discussion items for state forester liaison**

2:30 – 3:15 p.m. **Communications Committee Meeting (cont.): Committee briefing with State Forester Liaison, Carl Garrison**

3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Break with Exhibitors

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.      **Communications Committee Meeting (cont.): Overview regional PR campaign, what we need from states**  
                                 **More on CC projects: how states can help**  
                                 **Prep & CC assignments for Monday's joint session**

6:00 p.m.              Transportation provided for all guests. Depart for Sunday Social at the SC State Museum. Attire is casual, bring your shagging shoes.

9:00 p.m.              Transportation provided back to the hotel

9:00 – 11:30 p.m.      Hospitality Suite open (Room 808)

### **Monday (June 9)**

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.      Free Continental Breakfast\* in Ruth's Chris Steak House at hotel.

7:30 a.m.              Registration desk open

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.      Joint Session – All committees - Alternative Funding Sources for State Forestry Agencies

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.      Break with Exhibitors

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.      Continue Joint Session

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.      All committees together: Develop interdisciplinary, multi-state competitive grant proposals

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.      Partners Lunch (Provided in Ballroom C of Convention Center)  
                                 Southern Forest Futures Project – David Wear

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.      **Communications Committee Meeting: Download morning session observations**  
                                 **Develop key points to share with state foresters**

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.      Break with Exhibitors

3:15 – 5:00 p.m.      **Communications Committee Meeting: SF Implementation Plan and three priorities, CC status check**

Evening              **Communications Committee Dinner together**

5:00 – 11:30 p.m.      Hospitality Suite open (Room 808)

### **Tuesday (June 10)**

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.      Free Continental Breakfast\* in Ruth's Chris Steak House at hotel.

7:30 a.m.              Registration desk open

7:45 – 8:00 a.m.      **Communications Committee: Briefing for day's activities (if needed)**

8:00 – 9:45 a.m.	<b>Communications Committee: CC liaisons attend SGSF committee sessions CC exec: Prep for Wed. presentations</b>
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	Break with Exhibitors
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	<b>Communications Committee:</b> Attend State Forester's session: <i>Facilitated Discussion on Agency Opportunities</i>
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Provided in Ballroom C of Convention Center) SGSF 2007-08 Accomplishments
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Attend SGSF Committee Sessions
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	<b>Communications Committee: Meet with Management Chiefs to discuss SFLA.</b>
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.	Break with exhibitors
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Continue SFLA with management Chiefs</b>
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Communications Committee: Our final session as a group John Campbell – plans for next year and Vice-Chair suggestions Prep for Wed. presentation Decide date/location for CC winter meeting</b>
5:30 -7:00 p.m.	Social (Convention Center hallway)
7:00 -9:30 p.m.	Awards Banquet (Ballroom C in Convention Center). Attire is dressy
9:30 – 11:30 p.m.	Hospitality Suite open (Room 808)

### **Wednesday (June 11)**

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.	Free Continental Breakfast* in Ruth's Chris Steak House at hotel.
7:30 a.m.	Information desk open
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	General Session National and Regional Reports <b>Communications Committee: Joint Committee Session Report</b> Regional Redesign Proposal Brainstorming
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – 12 Noon:	SGSF Committee Reports: <b>Communications Committee Report</b> Other Business Adjourn  Lunch on your own
8:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Airport Transportation provided for those requesting.

**\* If you prefer a hot breakfast buffet, one is available for an additional \$4.**